

Flora of the Andes & also a little
book - Notes of a tour round S. America -
or something to that effect, chiefly
with a view to physical geography
& its relations to plant distribution.

I am not sure whether they have yet
forwarded from New a case with

a good many parcels from me -
I hope it is not wrong - most of them,
addressed extrinsically to you, are destined
for Mr Canby & Mr Greece. There
is I think only one parcel for you
of sundries that I thought likely to
interest you - I have another
nearly ready with ^{plants} from S. America
containing some novelties and other
things which I thought might be of
some interest - I shall remain in
debt to you but nevertheless whenever
you happen to have a few specimens
to spare from your stores I shall accept
the scraps from your table with due
thankfulness - My wife sends her kindest
greetings to you & Mrs Gray & I remain

Always most truly yours

Wall

10, Southwell Gardens,

South Kensington.

2 June 1886

My dear Gray - I write to welcome your
return to the Centre of Civilization - I have
heard from Mr Canby the fact of your
return but I hope to hear soon a little
more & to be assured that you & Mrs Gray
are quite well & have enjoyed your journey -
As a botanist I think you cannot
have failed to do so for you have
been at the best season in a singularly
interesting region - Many a time
during the last three months I have wished
that I could be with you, but in
truth it was out of the question -
My wife has been delicate ever since
our east winds began in March
& lasted with little intermission
till about 10 days ago - Twice
I took her to the country for change.

of air with but slight advantage -
but the fine weather has come -
at last & has set her up again -

I suppose that you have heard
from Hooker - Harriet has been
decidedly better this winter & spring
& I am in hope that her health
will be set up again - sufficiently
to remove anxiety though she will
always be delicate - Dix also
is better & has been very active -
I must tell ^{you} in confidence - for I
wish it not to be spoken of - that
his friends have been rather anxious
about Hooker - There are symptoms
of induration of the arteries that
might become serious, and the
great object is to avoid all extra
excitement - Two months ago
he was looking ill & was I

think uneasy about his own health
but latterly has been living a quiet &
regular life & is looking all right -

When I last wrote I thought you were
likely to meet Miss North somewhere
in Mexico but to the surprise of her
friends she returned to London about
a month ago - having renounced
Guatemala & Mexico & spent a month
in Jamaica - The fact is that her
nervous system is much shaken
& she is no longer fit for roughing
it as she has hitherto done - I
trust she may be induced to remain
at home but the passion for
travelling is so strong that I don't
rely on prudence to restrain her -

I have been very fairly well
this winter - worked at Kew at
my South American collections
& am finishing a small paper
for the Linnæan Soc. on the